

DECLARATION, POWER OF ATTORNEY, AND PETITION

We, Donald J. Kadyk, Neil S. Fishman, and Marc E. Seinfeld declare: that we are citizens of the United States; that our residences and post office addresses are 20022 34th Avenue SE, Bothell, Washington 98012, 23710 22nd Drive SE, Bothell, Washington 98021, and 16001 Inglewood Road NE, Kenmore, Washington 98028, respectively; that we verily believe we are the original, first, and joint inventors of the subject matter of the invention or discovery entitled "ACCOUNTING FOR UPDATE NOTIFICATIONS IN SYNCHRONIZING DATA THAT MAY BE REPRESENTED BY DIFFERENT DATA STRUCTURES," for which a patent is sought and which is described and claimed in the specification attached hereto; that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, and that we acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Section 1.56(a) of Title 37 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

We declare further that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful, false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful, false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

We hereby appoint as our attorneys and/or patent agents all listed under Customer No. 022913; and DANIEL D. CROUSE, Registration No. 32,022; and KATIE SAKO, Registration No. 32,628, of MICROSOFT CORPORATION, One Microsoft Way, Redmond, Washington 98052,

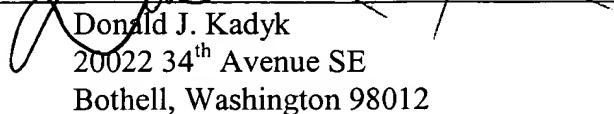
with full power to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith. All correspondence and telephonic communications should be directed to:

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Wherefore, we pray that Letters Patent be granted to us for the invention or discovery described and claimed in the foregoing specification and claims, declaration, power of attorney, and this petition.

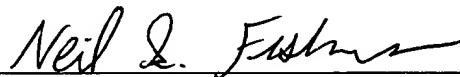
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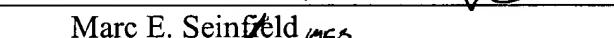
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